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Tri-Adopting It's A Way Of Life!

## Foster Application and Agreement

**Thank you for choosing to foster one of our pets!**

Fostering at times will require patience and TLC but it can be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do. It not only gives these pets the time they need to be adoption ready, it also helps us learn more about them so that we can better match them to their fur-ever homes. It helps prepare animals for adoption by giving them a chance to live in a home where they can fully express their personality, work to overcome fears, or recover from trauma.

Some animals aren't accustomed to life in a home, whether they had previously lived as a stray, or were kept as an outside only pet. They likely don't understand the concept of stairs and navigating around furniture or might be frightened by unfamiliar sounds like vacuums and kitchen appliances. Even knowing how to use a litter box or alerting their humans that they need to go to the bathroom can pose a challenge for them.

By living in a home with a family, pets are able to learn something new every day while getting one on one attention from their foster family. New experiences and unfamiliar sounds can be terrifying for an animal not used to them, but by having someone by their side to show them these things aren't too scary, they get a bit braver each day.

Even when shelters make every effort possible to keep animals comfortable and happy, the environment can still be scary and overwhelming for some, causing them to "shut down" emotionally or display destructive behaviors due to stress. When this happens, the animals can sometimes isolate themselves or begin to display negative behaviors, resulting in them being passed up by potential adopters.

Foster homes are also essential for special needs pets or those who are recovering from an injury or surgical procedure. When animals are in a foster program, they're able to enjoy a more relaxing environment while getting the one on one attention they need. This can be especially helpful for very shy and fearful animals, or those who need a bit of extra help with socialization. They build confidence by learning how to trust people, how to play with toys and other animals, and by experiencing everyday activities. Foster homes can also help by using positive reinforcement training to teach basic obedience skills and tricks. Each and every one of these things plays an individual, yet critical role in helping animals find adoptive homes. Animals who were terrified in shelters often open up once they're in the comfort of a home, helping them become happy, more well-adjusted animals.

Some say they could never foster a pet because it would be too hard to say goodbye when the pet is adopted. It may be hard to say goodbye to the animal you've bonded with, but it's important to remember that by opening your home, you are saving a life-- and each pet you foster is a new life saved. You become an important part of the mission to save homeless pets by not only giving that individual animal hope, but by making a difference for all animals.



Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center (TCAS)



## FOSTER CARE APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you over 18 years old? Yes No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any restrictions on what types of animals are allowed at the place you live? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent or reside in another person's home, provide their name and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in your household: \_\_\_\_\_ Their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a yard: Yes No Is the yard completely fenced: Yes No

Circle option that describes your normal day: Home all day Out part-time gone 7-10 hrs daily

Indicate pets currently living with you: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Birds \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Name of your veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your pets: \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor only \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor only \_\_\_\_\_ Both

Are your pets current on their vaccinations: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all your pets spayed and/or neutered: Yes No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of animal(s) would you like to foster:

• Young unweaned kittens without a mom	Yes	No
• Young unweaned kittens with mom	Yes	No
• Weaned kittens	Yes	No
• Adult cats	Yes	No
• Young unweaned puppies without a mom	Yes	No
• Young unweaned puppies with mom	Yes	No
• Weaned puppies	Yes	No
• Sick, injured or heartworm positive pets	Yes	No
• Other [specify _____]	Yes	No

How long are you willing to foster at any one time: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to foster more than one animal at a time: Yes No

Any foster pet you take needs to get along with: \_\_\_\_\_ dogs \_\_\_\_\_ cats \_\_\_\_\_ kids

Where will the foster pet be kept indicate "day" with a "D" and "night" with an "N":

Loose Indoors  Basement  Garage  Closed in a room

Fenced yard  Pen  Loose outdoors

Tied outside  Crate or Carrier Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you cared for young, unweaned puppies or kittens before: Yes No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever given medication to sick animals before: Yes No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to provide food and litter at your own cost for foster pets: Yes No

(TCAS is willing to assist with food and other supplies whenever donations are available, but we cannot always guarantee to have needed items)

Have you fostered an animal before: Yes No If yes, what organization did you foster for: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [name of foster applicant] make the above statements and voluntarily enter into this agreement to provide a temporary home as a foster caregiver to any animals TCAS may temporarily place in my care.

- I understand TCAS will determine the criteria for fostering, deciding which animals will be fostered, and appoint foster caregivers from a pre-approved list. Approved foster care volunteers may always refuse any specific request for any reason. TCAS staff will inform you of any medical treatments to be given, the expected length of the foster care period, the objective of the care (restoring to health, rearing to adoptive age, socializing, etc.) and any other expectations we have. You will be expected to keep the animal secure, return it to TCAS when requested.
- I understand that TCAS provides no guarantee as to the health of my foster animal and that my foster animal may have medical needs, socialization problems, and may not be housebroken.
- I agree not to hold TCAS responsible or liable for any damages or injuries resulting from scratches, bites or material damages. I accept any and all liability for any damages / injuries caused by the foster animal while in my care.
- I understand that I may receive an animal with an undetected contagious medical condition. I agree that if for any reason a family member or personal pet contracts an illness passed on by a foster pet that I will not hold TCAS liable. I understand that TCAS recommends keeping my personal pets separate from the foster animal for a minimum of 10 days as a precaution.

- I agree to provide my foster animal with veterinary care as authorized by TCAS I will not arrange or pay for any elective veterinary care for my foster animal without the express consent of an authorized TCAS representative. I understand TCAS provides all medical care and treatment of foster animals in my care. If any visits are made to a private veterinarian without prior authorization by TCAS, I understand that I will be financially responsible for all cost incurred.
- I understand that I will need to bring my foster in for regularly scheduled checkups and am prepared to do so.
- I understand TCAS may euthanize some animals not responding to treatment or if there are signs of aggression problems that can't be corrected. It is possible that an animal you have cared for may have to be euthanized if this occurs. It is important that you feel able to cope with that possibility.
- I understand that my foster pet must be kept indoors. Dogs must be supervised when outside. Cats must be never let outside to roam.
- I agree that I am fostering this animal for TCAS and that I do not have any right of ownership over my foster animal. I further agree that TCAS' have all rights to my foster animal.
- I agree to immediately return any foster animal in my care to TCAS at the request of its authorized representative at any time and for any reason.
- If I am planning to move at any time during the period when I am housing a foster animal, I agree to contact TCAS prior to my move and provide TCAS with my new contact information. I understand that as long as I provide foster care to my foster animal to TCAS satisfaction, I will be given the first right of adoption of my foster animal, at such time as TCAS decides to place my foster animal for adoption.
- I understand that I cannot give the animal away to any individual, rescue group or humane society or abandon in any way. If at any time I am unable to care for the foster i will return it promptly to TCAS.I agree to contact TCAS with any and all questions or concerns about my foster animal.
- I agree that if I refuse or fail to comply with any provision of this agreement, TCAS has the right to terminate this agreement and also has the right to the immediate surrender and return of my foster animal(s). I further consent to provide TCAS access to my premises if necessary to facilitate the return.

I have read this application and Agreement in its entirety, and I agree that all statements and agreements contained in this document are made by me and are truthful.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

**Return Application and Agreement to:**

1150 E. Pleasant Run  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
OR EMAIL TO  
[Foster@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:Foster@cedarhilltx.com)